

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS SATURDAY

Lipe's Men Make Their First Appearance Against Danville.

ALL CLUBS SEEM STRONGER

Richmond Aggregation Still Weak in Spots, but Is Improving.

With Danville in Richmond, Portsmouth in Norfolk and Lynchburg at Roanoke, the Virginia State Baseball League will open the scheduled next Saturday afternoon, when at 4 o'clock Mace, Westervelt and Byron will give the signal "play ball" and the players will settle down to the long battle for the pennant. All the leagues and the country will open this week, and the sound of the umpire and the shrill cries of the cheering fans will be heard all through the land.

Baseball is more popular than ever. Every back lot has its coterie of players and its small sized diamond. Keep away, that is the future league player, now no higher than his father's waist, does not go forth to perform his stunts and lick his rival's team. Enthusiasm is rife in every city. The big league cities are all ready for their first games, and grand stands and bleachers, not to mention the fence tops and knot holes, will be crowded with rosters going out to witness the first exhibition and make judgment on their players. In the Virginia cities interest in the league is greater than ever. The league is on a better footing than ever before. The teams are better managed, and the players are better maintained. Every club seems to be confident, and perhaps the chances are about evenly divided. The Richmond team is still weak in several respects, but there is still time for improvement, and Owner Bradburn is confident that he will place his team on a proper level.

The weakest places seem to be short and second. Morgan is suffering with a bad hand, which has greatly interfered with his work, and Leon seems to lack experience. He tries hard enough, plays with every ounce of energy in his body, but he experiences some difficulty in making the ball stick. Kanzler is showing up well at first, and will undoubtedly be the star of the bunch, and in him Richmond has a treasure. The struggle is still on for right field, but seems to be narrowing down to Strader and Farrier. Riege is making a fine centre, but has not yet quite gotten to his old batting form. Of the pitchers, Jackson, Sparks, Archer and Revelle are showing the most promise, though the others have not yet been given a fair opportunity in which to prove their worth. On the whole, the fielding, except a little weakness in the infield, is good, but the batting must be improved upon. No weak-hitting team can expect to win unless all the other teams are as weak in the hitting line. Line seems to be handling his men well, and has in every way given satisfaction to the owners and to the fans.

Buffalo will be here to-day and tomorrow. The club will have no games thereafter until Saturday, when they begin the regular schedule.

The opening games of the leagues this week are as follows:

National League Tuesday.
Boston at Brooklyn.
New York at Philadelphia.
Chicago at Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.
American League Tuesday.
Detroit at Chicago.
St. Louis at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at New York.
Washington at Boston.
Southern League Wednesday.
Little Rock at Memphis.
Mobile at New Orleans.
Birmingham at Montgomery.
Nashville at Atlanta.
American Association Wednesday.
St. Paul at Columbus.
Minneapolis at Toledo.
Milwaukee at Louisville.
Kansas City at Indianapolis.
Virginia League Saturday.
Portsmouth at Norfolk.
Danville at Richmond.
Lynchburg at Roanoke.

TIMELY GOSSIP OF THE BOXING RING

PHILADELPHIA, April 12.—It begins to look as if Jack Blackburn was up against it for fair. The local colored boxer, who has gradually forged his way to the front rank of pugilists, has been claiming for a couple of years that he was a legitimate lightweight and that he could make 133 pounds and be strong. His one ambition has been to meet Joe Gans for the lightweight championship. When Gans was in this city recently to box Spike Robson, at the National Athletic Club, Blackburn stepped into the ring and asked Manager Jack McGuigan to make the announcement that he was willing and ready to box any man in the world at 133 pounds. Of course, it was understood that he was aiming his deft at Joe Gans, who was sitting in one corner of the ring taking things easy till he was to be called on to face the little English boxer. After the bout between Robson and Gans, Manager McGuigan spoke to Gans regarding a return match in this city, as the lightweight champion has always proved to be a good drawing card, having a big following among the fight patrons of Philadelphia. A discussion arose as to who would be the best man for him to meet here, and the name of Blackburn was mentioned owing to the good work he had recently done at the National Club in defeating Harry Lewis and Terry Martin. Gans talked the matter over with McGuigan, and he stated that he had a good notion to call that Blackburn fellow to see if he is really a lightweight and could make 133 pounds. As Blackburn had been endeavoring to get on a bout at the National Club, this remark of Gans was reported to him, and he was asked what he intended to do in case Gans should carry out his intention of calling on him to make 133 pounds. Blackburn asserted that he could make the weight, and that he would have something to say in the matter in a day or two. He had a match on with Bill Hevron for to-morrow night, and

he did not want to do anything definite till he had considered the matter thoroughly.

Gans Dictates Terms.

Last Saturday night Blackburn again appeared at the National Athletic Club, stepping up to Manager McGuigan, handed him a challenge to box Gans at 133 pounds, weigh in at 6 o'clock, the bout to be for six rounds and to take place at the National Club. There was a general surprise at Blackburn's action, for it was not thought that he would ever offer to make so low a weight, unless he was forced to do so in order to get some big match where the loser's end would cut some figure. Accompanying the challenge was a forfeit of \$100 to make the weight, and this was also turned over to the National Club's manager. There was very little fuss or flurry over the whole affair, and it looked as if there was nothing to it but a straightforward business proposition. On Thursday, at Baltimore, McGuigan told Gans what Blackburn had done, and asked the former if he would agree to box Blackburn in this city in a six-round bout. Gans seemed to have some personal feeling against Blackburn and stated that the latter had been roasting him and belittling him to his friends, with no cause whatever. Regarding a match with Blackburn, Gans said that there was no one he would rather meet in the ring, as he felt certain that he was Blackburn's master as a boxer, but that he would only meet him on condition that Blackburn would agree to box at 133 pounds, the weight to be made at ringside, and that a forfeit of \$500 must be posted to bind the bargain. McGuigan tried to persuade Gans to take Blackburn up on his original offer of 133 pounds, weigh in at 6 o'clock but the champion would not hear of it at all and still stuck to his proposition of a match at ringside weight. As the conditions named by Gans are those asked only for a championship contest, where not only big money, but a title are at stake, McGuigan thought that Gans was holding the lid down rather tight, but no arguments that he could offer would make the champion recede.

In order to place Gans's terms before Blackburn, they stood. McGuigan had the champion weigh in a morning, stating just what he wanted, and that has been published in the papers. When the letter was shown Blackburn yesterday he was taken back somewhat, as he did not expect Gans to make so stiff a demand for a six-round contest. Regarding the state-ments of the local press, that Blackburn had ever roared or tried to belittle the champion in any way, as he had a high regard for him not only as a boxer, but as a good fellow, and there had never been any illfeeling between them on any of the occasions when they had boxed before. Anything that might have been said about Gans and Blackburn had never been said in a joking manner, as he had often, in kidding, said that he could knock out boxers like Jim Jeffries or Bob Fitzsimmons, whom he knew very well he was no match for. As to the question of weight, Blackburn realized the fact that he had never claimed, since he came here, that he could make the lightweight limit or 133 pounds at ringside. He had always stipulated the weighing-in to be done at 6 o'clock, as he felt that he would have to train hard to make the weight at any time, and he wanted a few hours to recuperate and get strong enough to make some sort of a contest in the ring. Making the weight was only a small part of what he would have to do. "I could make much lower weight than 133 pounds," said Blackburn, in talking the matter over. "If I took a lot of physic and hot baths and weakened myself down to the lowest limit, but what good would it be in the ring? People would not want to pay money to see me represent a living skeleton. They would want me to be fit to fight a couple of rounds anyhow, and if I am too weak to do that, then there would be no use getting into the ring at all. If I had brated about making 133 pounds ringside, I would have been all right to make me do the weight, but I never said that I could do anything better than make it at 6 o'clock." Just what the outcome of the affair will be is uncertain at this writing.

Club for Members Only.

At least some of the boxing promoters of New York have arrived at the conclusion that they would have a great deal more peace and happiness if they would get right down to business and run their clubs according to the strict letter of the law. This has been the case of the National Athletic Club in this city, which promises to be one of the leading athletic institutions of the country; or, at least, in the East. The club occupies the upper floors of a large house established in 1897, and has accommodations for about 2,000 spectators. But every spectator must be a member of the club to gain admittance to any of the boxing shows which are held weekly. At first, it was hard to make the followers of the sport believe that the club officials meant to carry out the law strictly. On Tuesday night the organization had a boxing entertainment, and there were hundreds of men who came along with the idea that they could either buy tickets or get by the doorman on influence, or with what is usually known as the "strong arm" method. But they were all doomed to disappointment. It was a case of "members only," and there was no way that a man could be made a member that night. Police officials, men from the detective department, and other branches of the local government, tried every method they could think of, but there was nothing doing. Neither money nor influence sufficed. It was membership tickets only could open the doors. Some well known followers of boxing who went from this city got the same treatment. The result has been that the secretary has been busy all week since Tuesday enrolling applications for membership, and the club is almost certain to have a great list of members within a very short time. The club, itself, is fitted up very attractively, and everything about it is said to be with an eye to the comfort and convenience of the members, and unless all signs fail such an institution will help to give the sport a great boom in the metropolis.

Jimmy Britt, the famous native son of California, has fallen down the pugilistic ladder one step farther. His quick and decisive defeat by Packey McFarland has added another to his list of beatings. Britt was a pet of the gambling fraternity of San Francisco in his palmy days, and after he left the amateur ranks he had things pretty much his own way till he attracted the attention of Joe Gans, who went after him hot-foot and ran up against the color line. There was a long wrangle before the boxing promoters succeeded in coaxing Britt to meet Gans, and the meeting resulted in the famous five-round verdict to Gans on a foul, the only way in which Britt could save himself from being knocked out. The result of the bout caused considerable scandal, but after the hue and cry died out Britt, who is a very ardent pursuer of the mighty dollar, came once more into the limelight. He beat Battling Nelson, and was then knocked out by the latter in a return match, and then got himself into condition and beat Nelson in twenty rounds. Eastern sporting men never took much stock in Britt's claims for pre-eminence in ring affairs, especially after his beating by Terry McGovern, who slammed Britt all round the ring at Madison Square Garden and came near landing knockout blows on the California several times during the ten rounds they were in the ring. As Terry had only recently left an insane asylum, and was not in anything like good condition physically, the students of boxing figured out that had the "terrible" been in good shape or anything like his prime, he would have had no trouble in putting Britt out of business. Some folks are still laughing over the result of the second match between Gans and Britt, in which the colored man was declared the victor in six rounds. Britt quit cold, and there was a lot of queer things connected with the match. Jimmy's excuse was that he had broken the ulna bone in his right arm, and that expression has since been one of the pet phrases of boxing ring pariahs, and Britt will be remembered by it long after he has ceased to be thought of for any fighting he ever did.

LYNCHBURG FANS AFTER BENTLEY

Hundreds Will Write Letters Begging Him to Get in the Game.

PITCHERS ARE STILL SORE

Season Opens with Danville Team on Next Saturday.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., April 12.—The pitchers of the local team, on account of bad weather, are very slow in rounding into form, but the indications are, when this condition is corrected with good weather, that Lynchburg will have the strongest team since the reorganization of the Virginia League.

The team will begin the season next Saturday with Danville, with the following roster: Pitchers, Kline, Stewart, Oakley, West and Schuman; catcher, Westlake, Coyle and Smith; first base, Bailey; second base, Bowen or Bonner; third base, Kirkpatrick; outfield, Anthony, Hooker and Schuman.

Holt, who is to go behind the bat, will report about May 15, but nothing has been heard from Bentley as yet. A unique idea is to be brought into play next Tuesday in the hope of inducing Bentley to return to the game, when the fans will write the player by the same mail, urging his return. Several hundred letters and cards will go in one mail to the player at Lowell, N. C., where he is working in a general store.

FINAL BASKETBALL CONTEST TO-MORROW

The deciding game in the championship Basketball League at the Y. M. C. A. will be played off to-morrow night. The Delmas, in their victory over the Alphas last Thursday, are entitled to meet the Gammas in this game.

It will probably be the most interesting game of the season, as both teams are determined to play the game of their lives. Gymnasium class drills will precede the game, and grade 2 will also be given an apparatus test. Informal games will be played between the teams and following events: Three standing broad jumps, horizontal bar, running broad jump, obstacle race and 500-yard potato race. Events are open to all members of the association. The athletic grounds adjoining the building are now open for tennis, volleyball and handball, and many are using them daily.

WILL FIGHT TOMMY BURNS.

Jack Johnson's Manager Agrees to All Champion's Demands.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Manager Sam Fitzpatrick and Billy Neal, who looks after the interests of Tommy Burns, have agreed to practically every demand and term for a battle for the heavyweight championship of the world between Burns and Jack Johnson, the big colored fighter.

After all the ill-feeling that has cropped out since Johnson began challenging Burns, the managers of the two men, instead of engaging in a six-round bout themselves, got right down to business, and in a very few minutes agreed on terms that are to be ratified on Monday, when they will meet again to draw up articles, post forfeits and clinch the match officially.

To get the match, Fitzpatrick gave in to every demand made by the champion's man of business. This will give Johnson a comparatively small amount of the purse, but Fitzpatrick is willing to give in to anything for the chance to win the title. He said that after looking Burns, Johnson would soon make the money by fighting and in theatrical tours.

Kelly Secures Earp.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., April 12.—Manager "King" Kelly of the Raleigh team, in the Eastern Carolina Baseball League, announces that he has signed A. H. Earp, of Newport News, to play in the league. He says he has several other contracts hanging in the air, and is confident of having the team complete by May 15th, when practice begins.

SAILOR PITCHER



GIBSON, THE MARINE.

This promising pitcher has been granted a furlough by Uncle Sam to join the Phillies. His enlistment soon will be in the way of his advancement in baseball.

BUFFALO CLUB TO PLAY HERE TO-DAY

Manager Smith Pays High Compliment to Kirkpatrick, Lynchburg's Third Baseman.

Looking well and hearty after their victorious tour of other cities in the Virginia State League, the Buffalo Club, of the Eastern League, arrived in this city last night and registered at Murphy's Hotel. Manager Smith, also their second baseman, appeared confident, and says that he has a strong aggregation back of him. Out of ten or twelve games played they have lost but two. The team is strong, much stronger than any club in the Virginia League.

The Bisons have played in Danville, Roanoke and Lynchburg, and after two games here will play twice in Norfolk. Speaking of Grim's team, Manager Smith said he thought it a strong aggregation. He was especially high in his praise of Kirkpatrick, Grim's third baseman, and formerly of the Richmond team, who he says is a born baseball player. He is fast on the field, has a splendid arm, and is a strong hitter. Of the other teams he was not so complimentary.

Buffalo will be here to-day and tomorrow. On Wednesday and Thursday they play in Norfolk, and then proceed on their trip back to the home town.

McConnell and Hesterfer will pitch to-day, and Archer and Lyn will do the backstopping. McConnell is six feet three inches tall, and has an arm of iron. He is rated as one of the crack pitchers of the lot.

The line-up of the visitors to-day will be: Nattress, shortstop; White, left field; Smith, second base; Murray, right field; Schirm, centre field; Whiteley, first base; Archer and Lyn, catchers; and McConnell and Hesterfer, pitchers.

PITCHER GOES TO CONGRESS

John F. Tener, Former National League Player, Elected in Pennsylvania.

It is not often that a baseball player rises to prominence after he has given up his chosen profession, yet one instance is recorded where a former pitcher, who has since become a politician, has been elected to Congress.

John F. Tener, the former player, defeated Representative E. F. Johnson in the Pennsylvania State congressional election. Tener had been in Congress for the past fourteen years, but was forced out by a landslide in favor of the one-time pitcher. He got probably all the votes of the fans who once watched him twirl the sphere across the plate.

UNION LEAGUE AFTER NORFOLK

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., April 12.—Overtures have been made to the Norfolk Club by the officers of the Union League.

They are offered a franchise free of cost in the league, but what they would succeed in, if accepted, is not stated. When seen to-night, President Wells admitted that such an offer had been tendered, and that he was in favor of the league was in Norfolk to-day, endeavoring to close the deal. He declined to state what the owners of the club think of the proposition, but admitted that it is a tempting offer.

Seeing that the Norfolk Club is dissatisfied with the present league schedule, and if forced to play it, would prefer to jump the league. The officers of the Union League seek to gain an entrance into Virginia, expressing the belief that by next season Richmond could also be secured.

Shipping Rifles.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., April 12.—The shipment of the new Springfield rifles from the arsenal here to the various companies composing the North Carolina National Guard has been held up for a few days to await the arrival of the ammunition, which is expected to arrive within the next few days. It is expected now that it will be a week at least before any of the shipments are actually forwarded to the companies.

ST. SIMON'S GREAT CAREER

Never Beaten in Race and Earned \$1,250,000 in Stud Fees.

St. Simon, the Duke of Portland's twenty-seven-year-old champion of champion sires and undefeated racehorse, which died recently, was bought at the Newmarket sales July 3, 1883, for the Duke of Portland, by Trainer Matt Dawson, on the advice of Jockey Fred Archer, for 150 guineas. St. Simon was bred in 1851 by Prince Galvani, was neglected to enter the colic in either the Derby or St. Leger. The colt made his first start in the colors of the Duke of Portland at the Goodwood course, as a two-year-old, July 31, 1883, in the Halknarr Stakes of five furlongs, defeating Richelieu by six lengths, and the following day won a purse race over the same course. In his third start he won the Devonshire Nursery Plate Handicap, and followed that with the Prince of Wales Nursery Plate. His last race as a two-year-old was a match between him and the Duke of Westminster's Duke of Richmond, which he won by three-fourths of a length, each carrying 124 pounds.

The following year St. Simon closed his unbeaten career on the turf by winning four cup races, the first of which, the Epsom Gold Cup, was a walkover. He then won the Ascot Gold Cup and the Newcastle Gold Cup, and his last race was for the Goodwood cup, which he won from the Duke of Hamilton's entry, Oeslan and Friday, finishing twenty lengths in front of the former.

St. Simon did not race as a four-year-old, and did not go into the stud until five-year-old, and his first foals, fifteen in number, appeared in 1887. At the close of the English racing season, November 23d last, St. Simon had 425 living foals, consisting of 220 colts and 205 fillies, 300 of which had appeared under colors, and 174 had won races, earning \$2,626,690. Last year he finished in twenty-fifth place among the winning sires of the year. St. Simon's greatest money-winners were: La Fleche, \$176,015; Persimmon, \$173,530; St. Frusquin, \$145,600; Diamond Jubilee, \$145,925; Signorina, \$111,000; Memoir, \$86,606; Semolina, \$62,900; Amiable, \$52,410; Darley Dale, \$52,059; and Rabelais, \$50,320.

In stud fees, St. Simon earned in twenty years over \$1,250,000, besides his services with the matrons of Wellbeck Stud.

He was the sire of many winners of England's great races. Of them to win

the St. Leger were Diamond Jubilee, Persimmon, Memoir and La Fleche. In the list of winners of the Epsom Derby appear Diamond Jubilee and Persimmon. St. Frusquin won the Two Thousand Guineas, and Semolina, La Fleche, Amiable and Winifreds won the One Thousand Guineas. His representatives to win the Epsom Oaks were La Roche, Amiable, La Fleche, Memoir and Mrs. Butteworth.

Many of his colts after their retirement from the turf have been successes in the stud. The most notable of these are Desmond, which finished third to Gallinule and Orme in the list of winning sires last year in England; St.

Frusquin next, in fourth place, and not far below Diamond Jubilee, Persimmon, Floriel II., Collar Bill, of Portland, St. Serf, Raeburn, Perigord and Tarporley. Another Pleiermaritzburg, which died shortly after the first of the year, was sold for stud duty abroad, bringing \$75,000, and was also the sire of many winners in England. St. Simon's best son as a sire is St. Frusquin, which, in eight crops of foals, has 216 winners, earning an aggregate of \$605,380.

Mr. Seagraves's Milner and Mr. Phelan's Bassettlaw are the sons of St. Simon in Canada. These horses are full brothers, too.

Keene's Colts Cleverly Named

The time for naming two-year-olds is at hand, and James R. Keene is the first owner to make public his list. The names selected by Mr. Keene are always interesting, as he tries as near as possible to bestow some significance in the titles.

The bay or brown colt by Disguise, out of St. Mildred, picked by the clockers as one of the smartest youngsters of the string James Rowe is training at Sheepshead Bay, is named "The Duke of the Belmont and Advance stakes and the Brighton handicap of last season, and the cleverest three-year-old of his time, is very appropriately called Fairy Sprite.

Hurst Park's full brother, who is also highly thought of, is called Sunbury, which persons familiar with English geography will concede is a happy designation. Superman's half-brother will be known to fame as Esperanto.

No better name than Dietz, for a daughter of Disguise and La, could have been his upon, and Apron is an admirable title for a filly by Voter out of Gingham. Selectman is appropriate for the Voter-Pink Domino colt, and Footpad is all right for Disguise-Fairy Slipper. But he has another almost twin, the same name, which will cause the two to be confused. The filly by Swiftfoot being called Footpad.

The last of the known get of Com-

mando, now dead, is Ultimatus, a chestnut colt, whose dam is Running Stream. One other of the lot is by Commando or Voter-Feally named Partisan. In all there are thirty-six youngsters, Disguise, Voter and Ben Brush being most heavily represented.

VANDERBILT AND THE DERBY.

American to Enter Seacliff II. for Blue Ribbon of English Turf.

PARIS, April 12.—A friend of William K. Vanderbilt says Mr. Vanderbilt has determined to make a bid for the English Derby, to be run June 3d.

Mr. Vanderbilt's colt Schuyler will be started for the Prix de Pallan at St. Cloud to discover if the colt's powers justify his being started as the Vanderbilt stable's representative in the French Derby and the Grand Prix de Paris.

In case the showing of the horse is satisfactory, Schuyler will be depended upon by Mr. Vanderbilt for the great races here, and the famous horse Seacliff II., the most promising in the Vanderbilt stable, will be shipped immediately to England to be trained on the spot at Epsom for the blue ribbon of the turf.

In the opinion of French racing men Mr. Vanderbilt's entry has an excellent chance of winning.

TRAINS KING'S HORSES



RICHARD MARSH.

who trains King Edward's horses. Marsh is a very exalted individual in racing circles and has the reputation of being one of the best dressed men to be seen at any of the fashionable race meetings. The cut of his clothes, the fit of his boots and the shine on his silk hat are incomparable. His establishment, Exerton House, is in its way palatial, and has a private chapel attached, where the stable lads worship on Sunday. Marsh keeps his butler, footman and a large retinue of servants; he keeps the finest champagne vintages, and has a large stock of rare old brandy which the stable lads sample when he goes to Exerton House to watch his horses at exercise.

STUDY IN HORSE BREEDING

Fifty-four trotters won over \$1,000 each down the Grand Circuit and at the Lexington meeting during the season of 1907, aggregating \$238,870, while eighty-six others captured \$18,995, a total of \$257,865. The Wilkes blood heads the list, with thirty-two representatives winning more money than all the other strains combined. The following table shows the winnings of all the strains of blood that contested that won over \$1,000:

Money won.	
Inbred Wilkes, sires and dams (4) horses, \$18,450	
Wilkes sires, Electioneer dams (1) 3,531	
Wilkes sires, Belmont dams (2) 10,890	
Wilkes sires, Medium dams (4) 10,569	
Wilkes sires, Mambrino dams (3) 5,780	
Mambrino sires, Wilkes dams (1) 15,020	
Wilkes sires, Pacercoast dam (1) 20,135	
Wilkes sires, Corsica dam (1) 1,880	
Wilkes sires, Strathmore dam (1) 1,750	
Wilkes sires, Duke of Oxford dam (1) 2,905	
Wilkes sires, Messenger dam (1) 1,250	
Wilkes sires, Abdullah dam (1) 1,150	
Wilkes sires, Harold dam (1) 1,080	
Electioneer sires, Wilkes dams (1) 2,015	
Total Wilkes and Wilkes crosses (32) horses \$127,735	
Inbred Electioneers, sires and dams (8) 27,390	
Electioneer sires, Kremlin dams (2) 3,945	
Electioneer sires, Mambrino dams (1) 2,950	
Electioneer sires, Clay dam (1) 3,540	
Electioneer sires, McGregor dam (1) 2,625	
Electioneer sires, King Rene dam (1) 1,100	
Strathmore sires, Electioneer dam (1) 3,040	
Belmont sires, Electioneer dam (1) 4,135	
Medium sires, Electioneer dam (1) 1,000	
Electioneer and Electioneer crosses (14) 49,735	
Director sires, Louis Napoleon dam (1) 7,595	
McGregor sires, Aberdeen dam (1) 6,475	
Archer sires, Belmont dams (2) 7,005	
Artillery sires, Medium dam (1) 1,375	
Belmont sires, Knickerbocker dam (1) 3,225	

Belmont sires, Cuyler dam (1) 20,300
Strathmore sires, Wickfield dam (1) 1,950
Harold at Hambleth dam (1) Gen. Washington sires, Patchen dam (1) 2,210
Medium sires, Belmont dam (1) 2,475

Total for other crosses..... \$59,870
Grand total..... \$257,865
Sixteen horses that won \$100 or below \$1,000 were by Wilkes sires.

TARGETS WERE DECEPTIVE

Twenty shooters faced the traps of the Deep Run Shooting Club Saturday afternoon, being the largest attendance this season. Several new shooters faced the traps, and it being their first appearance, made excellent scores, especially as the targets were from the traps this season. The high wind increased the flight of the targets, and they kept the best shooters guessing. It was admitted by good judges that any shooter that made 90 per cent. would be high gun, and the scores will show they were not far wrong.

"Virginia," who has been shooting under the name of "Raffles," was high gun, breaking 73 out of 100. Very good score, weather conditions considered. L. M. C. Anderson, of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, was a guest of the club, and it was his first appearance at the traps this season; in fact, it was the first time he had shot for two seasons. Anderson is an old Richmond boy, and his friends are glad to welcome him back on the firing line.

The gun committee has ordered 200

Trotters Carrying Wilkes Blood Won Most Money.

French Plate sires, Almont dam (1) 2,925	
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Shooting.	25 50 75 100
"Virginia".....	21 42 50 73
R. A. Anderson.....	21 49 58 72
John Doe.....	28 54 68 88
Lawrence.....	18 32 45 58
Cannon.....	20 35 50 61
Fairfield.....	19 35 49 63
Harry.....	18 32 45 58
Parker.....	16 29 43 56
John Doe.....	16 27 38 49
West End.....	16 29 40 43
Owen.....	15 28 37 45
John Doe.....	9 16 21 24
Hawley.....	14 28 39
Sun.....	12 23
Trifton.....	12 23
Vaughan.....	16 22
Deep Run.....	14 27
Tyler.....	17
Hogland.....	17
Washburne.....	15

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